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U.S. EPA (6207J)  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Re: Implementation Plan for Linn Energy, LLC

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find our Natural Gas Star Implementation Plan. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 281.840.4163 or [pespenan@linnenergy.com](mailto:pespenan@linnenergy.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul M. Espenan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul M. Espenan  
EH&S Manager

Enclosure

# Implementation Plan



## Production Sector

### Company Information

Partner Address Label Here

If the information provided above is incorrect, please make corrections below.

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### Implementation Plan Elements

#### Part 1 Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been identified as significant opportunities to cost effectively reduce methane emissions from the production sector. They were selected based on their applicability to the industry, economic feasibility, and cost-effectiveness. There are 2 core BMPs for the production sector:

- 1 Identify and replace high-bleed pneumatic devices
- 2 Install flash tank separators on glycol dehydrators

For more information on these BMPs, please refer to the Lessons Learned publications on the Natural Gas STAR website at [epa.gov/gasstar/tools/recommended.html](http://epa.gov/gasstar/tools/recommended.html).

#### Part 2 Partner Reported Opportunities (PROs)

Partners have reported many processes and technologies that are considered "other Best Management Practices" by the program. New partners are encouraged to evaluate and report current and new practices or technologies that cost effectively reduce methane emissions. PROs are made available to all partners, and can be viewed at [epa.gov/gasstar/tools/recommended.html](http://epa.gov/gasstar/tools/recommended.html).

#### Part 3 Inventory Past Reductions

Partners are encouraged to report past methane emission reductions back to 1990. Accounting for these historical reductions will create a permanent record of your company's methane emission reduction efforts. More information is available in the Spring 1999 Natural Gas STAR Partner Update, which can be viewed at: [gasstar/newsroom/partnerupdate.html](http://gasstar/newsroom/partnerupdate.html).

The Implementation Plan is designed to be a dynamic tool for Natural Gas STAR Partners to plan their program activities. As company priorities and plans shift over time, the Implementation Plan may be revised or updated by submitting a new form to the program.

**ELEMENT 1**  
**Best Management Practices**

**BMP 1**  
**Identify and Replace High-Bleed Pneumatic Devices**

pneumatic devices used to control and monitor gas and liquid flows and levels in dehydrators and separators, temperature in dehydrator regenerators, and pressure in storage tanks emit large amounts of methane into the atmosphere. Replacing these with no-bleed or no-bleed devices reduces or eliminates emissions and improves safety.

Estimated Reduction  
Potential  
124 Mcf/year/device

Are you implementing this BMP? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If no, why?

☐ Not cost effective

☐ May consider at a later date

☒ Other Most, if not all, have already been replaced, by previous owners of the assets we operate.

Please describe: All new equipment uses the no-bleed type. If additional high bleed pneumatics are identified, we will replace them. Many of our assets do not utilize pneumatic controls, because they are on a vacuum.

At what scale will you be implementing this BMP?

☐ Company Wide

☐ Pilot Project

☐ Other

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity Summary**

Number of high-bleed pneumatic devices in system? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of high-bleed pneumatic devices to be replaced? \_\_\_\_\_

**Replacement Schedule**

Number of high-bleed pneumatic devices to be replaced by the end of:

Year 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 4: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information on Anticipated Plans and Projects**

If additional space is needed, please continue on the back.

## BMP 2

### Install Flash Tank Separators on Glycol Dehydrators

Installing a flash tank separator in a glycol dehydrator facilitates the removal of methane and natural gas liquids from the glycol stream. The recovered gas can be put back into the pipeline, used as a fuel on-site, or flared.

Estimated Reduction  
Potential  
170 scf/MMcf of throughput

Will you be implementing this BMP? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, why?

- ☐ Not cost effective  
☐ May consider at a later date  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, at what scale will you be implementing this BMP?

- ☐ Company Wide  
☒ Pilot Project  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe: We have approximately 12 dehydrators company-wide that we will evaluate.

### Activity Summary

Number of glycol dehydrators currently equipped with flash tank separators \_\_\_\_\_

Number of glycol dehydrators suitable for flash tank installation? \_\_\_\_\_

### Replacement Schedule

Number of flash tank separators to be installed by the end of:

Year 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ELEMENT 2 Best Management Practices

## PROs

your company may take advantage of additional technologies or practices to reduce methane emissions. These can be reported to Natural Gas STAR as PROs. Following is a list of some of the PROs that have been reported by other Natural Gas STAR partners, which may be applicable to your operations (for more information on these PROs, please view: <http://www.naturalgasstar.gov/gasstar/tools/recommended.html>).

Install Vapor Recovery Units (VRUs)  
Perform reduced emissions completions  
Install electronic safety devices

φ Install instrument air systems  
φ Eliminate unnecessary equipment and/or systems  
φ Install plunger lifts in gas wells

| PROs you will be implementing   | Please describe  |
|---|--|
| <p><u>of Infrared Camera to find leaks.</u></p> <p>What scale will you be implementing this BMP?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company Wide<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Project<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>                  | <p>We have purchased a FLIR GasFind IR and we will be using it company-wide to identify gas leaks.</p>   |
| <p><u>Solar-Powered, Temperature Actuated Chemical Pumps</u></p> <p>What scale will you be implementing this BMP?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Company Wide<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pilot Project<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> | <p>We are evaluating use of chemical pumps, including temperature controlled and solar powered.</p>  |
| <p><u>Plunger Lift Installation</u></p> <p>What scale will you be implementing this BMP?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company Wide<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Project<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>                          | <p>We are installing programmable plunger lifts.</p>   |
| <p><u>Backside natural gas liquids recovery</u></p> <p>What scale will you be implementing this BMP?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Company Wide<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pilot Project<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>              | <p>We are evaluating chilling and recovery of natural gas to make natural gas liquids from a stranded gas source that is currently burned.</p> |

**Inventory Past Reductions**

***An inventory of past reductions will help to create a permanent record of your past efforts.***

As a first step, many new partners find it useful to inventory and document past methane emission reduction efforts. The inventory process helps companies quantify the success of their past activities and target future emission reduction efforts. Historical emission reductions identified as part of the inventory process can be reported to the Gas STAR Program.

Will you inventory past activities to include in your annual report?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please describe your company's plans for reviewing past emission reduction activities.

Do you plan to quantify the reductions attributable to the no bleed pneumatics, and plunger installations.

***Natural Gas STAR Program thanks you for your time.***

***Please send completed forms to:***

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